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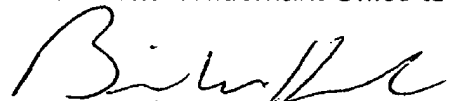
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2008 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on March 15, 2009. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.